



SIR

BRANCH 161 NEWS

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A Nonprofit Public Benefit Organization for Retired Men Devoted to the Promotion of Independence and Dignity of Retirement

Vince Vargas, Big SIR

Mark your calendars!

Our next luncheon is the second Tuesday, June 14th.

The Mother's Day Luncheon was a great success. We had 134 attending the luncheon. Our Little SIR, Walt Shipilov, is to be commended for making this a special day for our spouses/best friends. Our entertainer, William Florian, was excellent. He hit a "high note" for all that attended.



Membership: Our branch started May with 166 members. So far this year we have added 11 new members. This is quite an accomplishment. We have received several membership applications. Two prospective members attended the Mother's Day Luncheon with their wives and their sponsor. You have done a great job in introducing your neighbors & retired friends to our SIRs Branch. You, our members, make this organization vibrant!

Activities: Spring has finally arrived. The weather is good. Its time to get involved and enjoy one of our activities and friendly competition. Our branch activities are well orchestrated and managed by fellow SIRs. Join in one or more of the branch activities; e.g., wine tasting, Bocce ball, Pickle Ball, Bowling, Golf, Bridge, and Dinner with the Ladies, Fishing and a RV outing. Please refer to activity reports in this newsletter for details.

Attendance & Country Club: If you are not going to attend the meeting, please call Bill Konold by the

Friday preceding the meeting.

The 2012 Board will soon be working with the DBCC staff to set the lunch menu for next year. It's up to you! Let the board know what you would like to have as luncheon choices and ideas on future speakers or entertainment.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the June 14th luncheon.

Vince Vargas

Birthday Boys

Members celebrating their birthdays in June are:

Ed Coats, Lee De Salles, Jack Disney, Jim Heck, Doug LaMee, Rodger MacLean, Richard Meyer, Ray Neubauer, Doug Pagano, George Smith, Walter Shipilov, George Smith, Jack Socher, Tom Synder, Lowell Thomas, Dale Welin & Michael White.

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Walt Shipilov, Little SIR

In June we will have:

Luncheon meal: For our June meeting Chef Jeff will prepare Chicken Marsala with rice and seasonal vegetables for our entree. In addition, we have rolls, butter iced tea, coffee with cookies and brownies for desert. Any special dietary needs need to be pre-arranged several days before the meeting.



Speaker: Our speaker for June will be Mike Beaman, who will talk to us about State funds availability for long term care. Long term care is the number one cause of senior bankruptcy, so this will be informative for all.

May Recap:



Our Mothers Day entertainment was outstanding. We had many very positive comments from people who really enjoyed the entertainment provided by William Florian. He did a wonderful job engaging the audience with songs of old, personal anecdotes from his life and brought back memories of years ago. It was a very positive experience for

all. Flowers for all the mothers were a big hit too.

Free Lunch winners: We did not have a free lunch drawing at our last meeting, so in keeping with that old phrase "there was no free lunch last month".

Al DiGiusto Memorial Boat Cruise Lunch

The 18th Al DiGiusto Memorial Boat Cruise and Luncheon is Thursday, July 21, 2011 at the Boardwalk Grill here in Discovery Bay.



Menu Choices:

Chicken wrap served with a side of fresh fruit, Chicken Caesar salad (comes with garlic bread), Tri-tip Sandwich served with French Fries, or Fish & Chips. Non-alcoholic beverage, dessert, tax and tip included for \$15.00 per person.

House wine discounted to \$4.50 glass, and draft beer \$1.00 off (\$2.25 domestic, \$3.75 premium 16 oz. size).

Agenda:

Meet at the boardwalk by 11:30 (by car or boat). Lunch served at noon. After lunch we'll load up and cruise the Bays - enjoy a smooth (not bumpy), slow ride with no "messed up hair" ladies!! Or Option #2: For those that want to go out on the river for a faster ride, "Go for it!!" Sign up with and meet your Boat Captain at his house and Cruise to the Boardwalk. Or walk, or drive your car to the Boardwalk - we'll have boats and boat captains there to give you a ride after lunch. Sign Up deadline is July 14, 2011.

----- Tear out and return with your check -----

Your Name(s): _____ Phone #: _____

Your Menu Choices:

Chicken Wrap _____ Chicken Caesar Salad _____

Tri Tip Sandwich _____ Fish & Chips _____

(Make Check out to / Mail to: R.C. Damico 141 Discovery Bay Blvd. Discovery Bay, CA 94505)

Check one:

___ Need a Boat Ride. ___ Have Boat Ride and will be riding with _____.

___ Have Boat and need passengers (have room for ___)

Membership

Sponsor a new member

Branch members wishing to sponsor a new member should invite the prospect to a regular luncheon meeting as a guest.

If the guest wishes to become a SIR member, the sponsor should obtain an application form from Membership Chairman Len Fadda. Have the guest complete the form, and return the form to Len.

The prospective member and their sponsor should attend the next regular luncheon meeting. The Executive Board will vote on the membership, and the new member will be inducted immediately prior to the luncheon.

There were no new members inducted in May.

Bridge Table, Lex Overzet

Again we had to cancel the May bridge game because we did not have enough players.

Do not give up; Our next game will be held on June 21st. Please mark your calendars for that date.

We always play one week after our regular SIR Branch 161 meeting, which is held on the second Tuesday of the month.

Stay healthy, Lex



Pictures wanted

Activities and event leaders are requested to take pictures of SIR events for our newsletter and web site. If you have any pictures of current or prior events, please forward them to Tom Jones.

Voluntary contributions defray the administrative costs of running our organization. For those who have not “donated” their contribution, be sure to bring \$20.00 cash or a check (made out to SIR Branch 161) to our next meeting. You can also mail it to our Treasurer:

Tony Pacheco, 2111 St. Andrews Ct, Discovery Bay, CA 94505

Recycle those vases

Our ladies who attend the Mothers Day and Christmas luncheons receive flowers in a bud vase. Our florist will gladly take the vases back for re-use. So if your lady would like to recycle some vases, bring them to our meeting and we will return them.

Dress Code for our meetings is “Country Club Casual”, which means no jeans or denim, cutoffs or exercise shorts, shirts must have a collar, no tank tops or T-shirts, no flip-flops or thong type sandals. Please ensure that your guests are aware of this policy. Simple etiquette requires that hats be removed while in the dining room.

Attendance Policy Reminder

Our Branch is obligated to pay for lunches not served. Please contact Bill Konold by the Friday preceding the meeting if you don't plan to attend.

Bill Konold, 634-2738 bkonold@comcast.net

2011 Meetings Calendar

01/18/2011	07/12/2011
02/08/2011	08/16/2011
03/08/2011	09/13/2011
04/12/2011	10/11/2011
05/03/2011	11/08/2011
06/14/2011	12/13/2011

Golf News, Dale Welin

With a very uncertain weather forecast, we got lucky at Shadow Lakes on Tuesday. We only had a couple sprinkles, but it was breezy and cool to say the least. We did have 25 players show up and we all finished in about 4 hours, 15 minutes. Nice going on the pace of play guys. The results show:



The very DIFFERENT format turned out to be very close, much closer than I had expected. We had 14 players on the team AB and 11 players (plus 3 additional blind draws) on team CD. Team AB won with a net score of 1063 strokes against team CD with 1076 strokes. The handicap system works!! Team AB players were Shipilov, Welin, Heck, Mahlberg, Brunetto, Giannini, Carr, Goodwin, Troen, Petersen, Socher, Hinkle, Kile and Zwemer. Congratulations to team AB.

Closest to the pin winners were Macbride and Welin. 3 players were under net par, Ramos and Mahlberg with a net 67 and Troen with a 71. Nice playing on a tough layout.

Our next event for golf is set for June 21 at The Reserve. Details are below.

When: Tuesday, June 21, 2011

Time: 8:00 am shotgun start

Where: The Reserve, Stockton, Eight Mile Road

Cost: \$40.00 for golf, cart and prize money

Format: To be announced

Please e-mail, call or tell Dale Welin of your interest in this event. We play here each year, as they provide a shotgun start and it is a good public course.

Follow up your notice to Dale with a check made payable to Dale Welin and send it promptly to 2867 Cherry Hills Drive, Discovery Bay, Ca 94505. If there are any questions, please call.

See you on the green.

Dale Welin

Annual SIR golfing tournament

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A sign-up sheet will be at our June SIR Branch 161 meeting. If you would like to share a villa with another couple, please indicate this on the sign-up sheet. Those couples choosing to stay one night will have to share a villa with another couple staying one night. Sign up and come join us for two days of fun at this scenic location. If you have any questions, see or call Will Myers at 925-516-9448.

Bowling News, Tom Kirtley

The Winter League ended on May 2nd with an exciting Sweeper round. The individual Sweeper winner was Frank Smith with the team Sweeper going to Almost a team of Jack Disney, Alice Disney, Jim Heck and Val Heck. The Team winners of the first half of the season, Rock & Rollers, Karen Capra, Dennis Pachucki, Jim Furlong and Jamie Maddox, bowled the winners of the second half of the season, A Rose and Three Thorns, Rosie Elmer, Jim George, Al Winston and Paul Elmer with Rock and Rollers winning the League Championship. Most Improved men's bowler was Jim Furlong and most Improved Ladies Bowler was Karen Capra. The individual High Scores for the Season: Men's Scratch Series, Curtis Manning, 802; Ladies Scratch Series, Rosie Elmer 653

Men's Scratch Game, Don Patterson, 287; Ladies Scratch Game, Nancy Lencioni 256

Men's Handicap Series, Tom Gomez, 830; Ladies Handicap Series, Karen Capra 760

Men's Handicap Game, Al Fleischer, 308; Ladies Handicap Game, Margee Arroyo 300

At the Tournament recently held in Carson City we had a lot of people who bowled really well. The winners are Val Heck, 7th Div. 3 All Events, Barbara Matteucci, 6th Div. 3 All Events, Fred Critchfield, 7th Div. 1 Singles, Mary Branscum, 2nd Div. 3 All Events and 3rd Div. 3 Singles, Ron Wilson, 7th Div. 1 All Events, Jerry Marshall, 4th Div. 1 Team, Videlle Marshall, 4th Div. 1 Team, Terry Damico, 3rd Div. 2 Team, Bob Damico, 3rd Div. 2 Team, Pat Rhiner, 4th Div. 1 Team, Alice Disney, 3rd Div. 2 Team and 7th Div. 2 Doubles, Bob Rhiner, 2nd Div. 1 Singles, 2nd Div. 1 All Events and 4th Div. 1 Team, Jack Disney, 3rd Div. 2 Team, 7th Div. 2 Doubles, 15th Div. 2 Singles and 7th Div. 2 All Events. Good Bowling everybody.

The Reno Tournament held at the National Bowling Stadium is going to be held on August 22, 23 & 24. It's not too early to start thinking if you want to bowl this tournament. If you have a team or doubles partner, or even an Individual bowler, please let Tom Kirtley know.



Annual State Bowling Tournament

On May 18, 19 and 20 the Annual State Bowling Tournament was held at Harvest Park Bowl. This event was sponsored by SIR Branches 161 & 108 and was a resounding success. There was a total of 164 Bowlers from all over Northern California representing 39 SIR Branches. As you can imagine it took a great deal of work to put on an event of this size.



I would like to thank the people who helped me make this tournament the success it was. First of all, Branch 161 Treasurer Tony Pacheco for depositing all the entry fee checks and writing the checks to all the winners. Next, Bill Bayer who made all the lane assignments and a list of all bowlers, which made it easy to check them in on the days they bowled. Paul Elmer made sure we had enough donuts to feed the hungry bowlers and, along with Curtis Manning, checked all the bowlers in and gave them their lane assignments. Finally, a big thank you to Jim Wangeman and his staff at Harvest Park Bowl who provided a great venue for this tournament to be held and also provided a wonderful lunch. Without all your help this tournament would not have happened.

Tom Kirtley

SIR Activities, Dick Donald

Following are some ongoing SIR activities, including details on current plans. Feel free to call Dick Donald (513-2849) for more information on these and other activities.



Wine Tasting – Dick Donald – 513-2849

The wine tasting activity continues to be very popular. I plan to host the June wine tasting. It will be on Thursday, June 23 at 4 PM. If you are interested in attending please contact me at 513-2849, or email me at dickdonald@yahoo.com . Also let me know if you would like to host a future wine tasting event.

Bocce Ball – Dick Donald – 513-2849

The informal bocce ball get-togethers have been going well. We will continue these informal learn-by-playing events for another month or so. We will then decide how we would like to proceed on a regular basis. Please contact me at 513-2849, or email me at dickdonald@yahoo.com if you are interested in playing.

RVing – LaVan Bock – 513-1070

Planning continues for the outing at the French Camp RV Resort for June 13th to Friday June 17th for our 4th semi-annual outing. The rate will be \$37.50 per night and will be hosted by Ray Serafin and myself. We will have full access to the clubhouse and be parked across from it in pull-thru sites. All hookups including 50 amps and free wi-fi are included. Feel

free to invite your RVing friends if they are interested in membership in our SIR branch. If interested, contact LaVan Bock at lavanb@comcast.net .

Pickleball – Bob Lyman – 513-1939

Give the fastest growing sport for seniors in the country a try – PICKLEBALL. Drop-in play is Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at 9 am. Play is at the Discovery Bay public tennis courts on Willow Lake Rd. Beginner play is always welcome with both men and women playing and we have all the equipment needed. If you have any interests come out and watch and we'll show you what it is all about. For more information about pickleball go to <http://www.usapa.org/>. The web site also notes our Discovery Bay play time under **Places to Play**.

Dinner with the Ladies, Jim Heck

June 28 at Dad's Café, 3421 Deer Valley Road, Antioch (next to Safeway gas station). Dinner served at 5.00pm.

Menu choices: Meatloaf with mashed potatoes; Fish and chips; Chicken picatta with mashed potatoes & vegetables; Homemade Yankee pot roast with mashed potatoes & vegetables. Scoop of ice cream, tea, coffee included. Price: \$18.00 per person, includes tax and tip.



Deadline: RSVP no later than 21 June, 2011. There will be envelopes at our General Meeting on June 14th 2011. Make your checks out to Jim Heck and mail to 5401 Fairway Court, Discovery Bay, CA 94505.

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Name(s):

Phone:

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Dinner with the ladies , June 28, 2011

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Membership Requirements & Principles

Membership is open to men retired from full time occupation, regardless of age, race, color or religion. There are no dues, fees or assessments. Member volunteers and staff administer and govern all branch activities. Voluntary member contributions provide for these activities. SIR supports no outside cause or interest. We prohibit discussions of politics and religion or the selling of anything to any member. The only requirements to join SIR are that a man be retired, or semi-retired, and sponsored by an active member.

Attendance Policy

Luncheon meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month at the Discovery Bay Country Club, 1475 Club House Drive. Social hour is at 11.00am and lunch at noon. All members are expected to attend. You are required to notify the Attendance Chairman by the Friday prior to the meeting if you cannot attend. Regular members missing three consecutive meetings without notifying the Attendance Chairman, or attending less than seven meetings within the last year, shall be notified by Form Letter #4 of their pending membership termination. Certification of attendance at another branch will be considered a credit to attendance.

Responsibility Clause

All tours, trips and other activities for or by Sons In Retirement, Inc. and its branches are for the convenience and pleasure of the members and their guests who desire to participate. Sons In Retirement, Inc. and its branches do not assume responsibility for the well-being or safety of the participants, or in any matters pertaining to tours, trips, or other activities.



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June 2011 — Addendum

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